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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

ASHIDA, et al. ✓

Group Art Unit: 1774 ✓

Appln. No.: 09/557,775 ✓

Examiner: Nguyen, K. ✓

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Title: INK-JET RECORDING SHEET ✓

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December 21, 2001

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2001, please amend
the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓
Please cancel claims 3, 5 and 13 without prejudice.

✓
Please add new claims 15 and 16 as follows:

Claim 15. The ink-jet printing sheet according to claim 1, wherein the
ink-receptive layer contains a hydrophilic binder and a cross-linking agent of
the hydrophilic binder.

Claim 16. The ink-jet printing sheet according to claim 15, wherein the
cross-linking agent is boric acid or a borate.

✓
Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 12 and 14 as follows (see the attached
Appendix for the changes made to effect the below claims):